

Closing Remarks
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Cybersecurity and cybercrime workshop
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On behalf of the United States Embassy in Senegal, I would like to thank all of you – the officials and lawmakers from Senegal, representatives from Benin, Burkina Faso, Cameroon, the Democratic Republic of Congo, Cote D' Ivoire, Guinea, Kenya, Niger, and Togo – for attending this Cybersecurity and Cybercrime workshop.

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The U.S. Justice Department's Computer Crime and Intellectual Property Section and Office of Overseas Prosecutorial Development, Assistance, and Training,

And William Enck from North Carolina State University.

I would also like to especially thank Christopher Painter, Secretary Clinton's Special Coordinator for Cyber Issues.

The Workshop has addressed important Cybersecurity and Cybercrime issues, national strategies, and the importance of establishing Computer Emergency Response Teams (CERT).

There has also been discussion on Cybersecurity and Cybercrime legal frameworks and the emerging challenges faced by mobile security. In addition, the need to go beyond

boundaries to establish bilateral, regional and international cooperation agreements and partnerships to address the international criminal element of Cyber Security and Cybercrime.

Cybercrime is, by its very nature, a transnational problem. The Internet and resultant growth of electronic commerce affect the security and economic prosperity of all nations. Electronic commerce is creating a truly global economy and allowing for global communications on a scale never seen before.

We all stand to benefit from the new era of global commerce and communication. However, with these increased benefits come increased risks. While the Internet is global, so is cybercrime.

The United States is fully committed to working with Senegal and the participant countries to tackle Cybersecurity and Cybercrime challenges, and let me stress here the importance and value of signing and ratifying the Budapest Cybercrime Convention.

I want to encourage all of the participants to put into practice the knowledge that you have gained from this workshop and help lead your countries to address Cybersecurity and Cybercrime issues.

Finally, I would like to mention that the U.S. Department of State and Department of Justice will host a companion workshop in Accra, Ghana in January 2013 for English and Portuguese speaking countries in ECOWAS.

Thank you for your participation in this week's very important workshop.

And safe travels home to everyone.

Thank you.